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EXTENSION PETITION

Sir:

The undersigned attorney respectfully petitions for a three-month extension of time to reset the deadline for filing of a response to the outstanding final Official Action in the above-identified application from September 23, 1997 to and including December 23, 1997. Applicants' Amendment Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Terminal Disclaimer and Notice of Appeal are enclosed herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 in the amount of \$475.00. In the event that there are any fees due and owing, the Examiner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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